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losses, which were very slight—four men killed and fifty-four wounded—and does not guess at the Russian figures; nor does he say that any Russian ships were badly disabled, though this we know from Admiral Alexeiff's admissions. Of course there may have been more in the report on this point. It does not seem that the entrance to Port Arthur harbour is blocked by a sunken warship, as alleged in some telegrams. The Japanese, after their victorious brush with the two Russian vessels of Chemulpo and their landing at that port, have now occupied Seoul, and are no doubt preparing to meet any Russian land advance. Since we heard of a Russian concentration in the Yalu Valley we have had no news of Russia's activity in that quarter. It is impossible to believe that she is not active, however.

The news from S. Petersburg is interesting. Consternation reigns, a panic is occurring on the Bourse, Government securities are experiencing heavy falls, and some banks are on the verge of ruin. The successes of Japan have struck Russia "all of a heap." The Tsar is credited with a ridiculous speech to the effect that "a treacherous foe has in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (?) and fleet." It appears as if the Tsar expected the Japanese to invite his fleet out from Port Arthur or, as in the old Maori days in New Zealand, to fix a day on which they would be willing to come and fight there. But the Tsar is now a very much discredited personage. He might well think of his speech a month ago in the Council Chamber at S. Petersburg, "Am I the Emperor of Russia or am I not? Am I the Emperor of Peace, or am I not?" The Emperor of Peace has allowed his Ministers to force a little nation into war, and now does not like the consequences. The Tsar NICHOLAS stands revealed as a weakling. He may believe his Finance Minister's statement that "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable"; other people will not believe it. As to the accusation of treachery, it is to be noted that, according to REUTER, even the German papers, the least friendly to Japan, ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because the Japanese attacked them without a declaration of war. The British papers, as was to be expected, congratulate Japan on her brilliant commencement. What is the attitude in France we have yet to learn. The Republic is getting ready cruisers and destroyers for the Far East, but this is not necessarily a bad sign. It is a precautionary measure which no doubt all the Powers will take. It is rather to be wondered at that we do not hear any more of the ships which were coming from the Mediterranean squadron to reinforce our China fleet. The King Alfred is now here and will presumably stay until peace is restored, but we still look for those two battleships mentioned some time ago. It is all important at the present moment that Great Britain shall be as strong as possible in the China seas. The end of the present crisis cannot be foreseen, and we must be prepared for all eventualities. We all trust that we shall be spared the necessity of intervention, but should the need ever come we must intervene with force that shall decide the question. We are not in a position to do so yet.

Lat night there was a false alarm of fire at half-past seven in Queen Street. H.E. Mr. May was among the visitors to the Chinatown Fair last evening.

Lieut. E. W. S. Mahon, R.E., was ordered to China last month for special duty under the Foreign Office.

Members of the Masonic Quadrille Club are remained that a meeting will be held this evening at six o'clock in the Masonic Hall. There is important business to be discussed.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s manager informed us yesterday that the Foochow cable, which was broken last Thursday morning near Sharp Peak, was repaired at noon yesterday, normal communication with the North being thereby re-established.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard H. U. Noel, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., the new British Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, left London on the 5th inst. by the P. & O. steamer Mongolia, for Hongkong.

We learn from the Times of the 12th January that our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Francis Clark, who is a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, has passed the Bar examinations in Roman Law, and in Evidence, Procedure and Criminal law.

The L. and C. Express of the 15th ult. says:—The definite date of the departure from Japan is not yet fixed, but it is expected his Excellency will leave the West Coast in about a month's time. He will make some short stay in this country before proceeding, and would thus probably reach Hongkong early in the summer.

Mr. H. C. Nicoll, Government Auditor at Hongkong, duly left for Colombo on the P. & O. s.s. Malta on Saturday. Mr. Nicoll is understood to have been appointed to his post in Ceylon for a few months only. An innovation is being introduced in the Government of that Colony. At present the Audit Office there is not only doing auditing work, but accounting work, and the idea is that the accounting should be transferred to the Treasurer's department. Mr. Nicoll will introduce the new system.

The mortality returns for November, 1903, appear in the Gazette. The total for that month was 380—18 in the European and foreign community, of which 15 were in the civil population, and 365 among the Chinese. Chest affections caused 111 deaths and malaria 24. The death rate per 1,000 per annum in the European and foreign community was 17.9; in the Chinese community (land and boat) 1.42; and in the whole civil community, 14.3.

With regard to the despatch of the French armoured cruisers *Amiral Aube*, *Kleber*, and *Desaix*, to the Far East, Le Yacht wrote last month:—We need hardly say that this is pure fantasy. The three cruisers in question were built in private yards, and are still undergoing their receipt trials. They will not leave Cherbourg for Toulon for some months. According to programme, they should then take the place of the *Chany*, *Latouche Tréville*, and *Pothuau* in the Mediterranean squadron. Later, if events demand it, they might, of course, be sent to China. But just at present the French Admiralty has not accepted delivery of them.

Many naval officers were present in the large congregation at All Saints' Church, Blackheath, on the 13th ultime, when Mr. Herbert Price, of Hongkong, was married to Miss Ethel Mildred Durston, daughter of Sir John Durston, K.C.B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, of Westcombe Park, Blackheath. Mr. J. H. Hutchinson was best man, and the bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of white satin, accented with chiffon and Brussels lace, and a lace veil over a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Winifred Durston (the bride's sister), Miss May Herbert, and Miss Constance and Miss Adele Mitchell. They were in ivory voile dresses over taffeta silk, trimmed with lace, and wore becoming picture hats.

The name of Mr. D. R. Paul has been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners in the Colony.

The regulations concerning traffic during Race days and cracket-firing during Chinese New Year are published in the Gazette.

The Right Rev. Dr. Corfe, Bishop of Corea, arrived in Hongkong by the *Ballaarat* on Saturday, on his way back to his diocese from home.

By the *Ballaarat* on Saturday there arrived in the Colony Capt. C. G. Dicken, a new Commodore, who succeeds Rear-Admiral Robinson. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dicken, both having come out from London.

His Excellency Lord Kitchener has so far recovered that he has been able to dispose of the use of a stick. With only a very slight lameness, apparent from the result of a bone fracture, we are glad to notice, says the *Calcutta Englishman*, that His Excellency can move about with freedom.

The manager of the Hongkong branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha informed us on Saturday that telegraphic advices to hand from the N.Y.K. agents in Colombo state that the *Wakasa Maru*, which left London on or about the 15th January, is laid up in Colombo for the time being; but her passengers for the Straits, China, and Japan have been transferred to the mail steamers *Sydney* and *Coromandel*.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE WAR

SINGAPORE JAPANESE RECALLED.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 12.5 p.m. All the Japanese naval reservists at Singapore have been ordered to return to Japan.

FIGHTING OFF NORTH JAPAN.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 2.40 p.m. The local office of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has received a telegram stating that Japanese torpedo-boats have destroyed three Russian cruisers near Aomori. An official telegram from the Governor of Hokkaido informs the Tokyo Governor that two Japanese merchantmen were attacked by four Russian ships. One of the Japanese was sunk, while the other escaped. Both were small vessels.

[According to the telegram received here the two Japanese merchantmen were the *Nakanoura Maru*, a steel screw steamer of 1,073 tons, built in 1895 at Hamburg, and owned by the *Mitsumajima Musubi*, and the *Zensho Maru*, a wooden screw steamer of 233 tons, built in 1895 at Osaka, Japan, and owned by the *Maru Bunschi*. It was the *Nakanoura Maru* which was sunk.—Ed. D.P.]

THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

KOBE, 12th February, 1.30 p.m. Admiral Togo, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese squadron, reports that at noon on the 8th inst. the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers attacked the Russian warships at Port Arthur. It is believed that four Russian vessels were damaged.

Next morning the Japanese squadron attacked the Russians, who, the Admiral believed, were much damaged. The Japanese damages were slight. Casualties amounted to about 4 killed and 54 wounded.

GENERAL NEWS

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI MAN.

SHANGHAI, 14th Feb., 10.15 a.m. Mr. George McBain died yesterday (Saturday) of bronchitis.

[Mr. George McBain's death will be heard of with great regret in Hongkong, especially among our numerous Shanghai visitors now in the Colony. Mr. McBain was a very well-known merchant and ship-owner, trading under his own name in Shanghai, Hongkong, and Yangtze ports.

He was owner of the steamers *W. Ceres de Vries*, *Suzi*, *Peluso*, *Siam*, and *Shantung*, and was agent for the Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Co. and for the *Maatappij* tot Miju an *Bogchen Landbouw Exploitatie* in Langkat. As for the Langkat Co. itself, Mr. McBain practically was it for many years.—Ed. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 14th February. Owing to a lack of Naval Officers, all Ensigns in the Russian Navy were yesterday granted commissions. The Tsar addressing them said, "A treacherous foe had in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (?) and fleet."

Mr. Kurine has left St. Petersburg.

A British proclamation of neutrality will appear to-morrow.

The Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur. The Russian battleship *Potava* and the cruisers *Diana*, *Aeskold*, and *Nord* were damaged on the waterline. The gunboat *Korets* was sunk, and the cruiser *Varyag* hopelessly disabled at Chemulpo. The crews took refuge on a French cruiser.

EUROPEAN PRESS COMMENTS.

LONDON, 11th February.

All the British papers unite in congratulating Japan on the brilliant opening of the campaign. Even the German papers ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because they were attacked without a declaration of war.

RUSSIAN DECLARATION OF WAR.

LONDON, 11th February. The Tsar has issued a manifesto which is virtually a declaration of war.

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL.

LONDON, 11th February.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to maintain strict neutrality. Mr. Hay's proposals contemplate the restriction of hostilities within the smallest possible area and are regarded as implying that neither Russia nor Japan will be allowed to invade China proper.

BRITISH ATTACKES FOR JAPAN.

LONDON, 12th February.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Nicholson and Col. James Haldane, British Attachés to the Japanese Army, have started for the Far East. Contractors have undertaken to complete the railway line across Lake Baikal by the 28th inst., or earlier.

FRENCH WARSHIPS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

Several cruisers and destroyers are preparing at Brest and Toulon to proceed to the Far East. Six thousand tons of coal-briquettes have been hastily despatched to Saigon.

THE DAMAGED RUSSIAN SHIPS.

LONDON, 12th February.

Admiral Alexoff telegraphs that the battleships are so badly damaged that it is difficult to say when they will be ready for sea; the others are expected to be ready in three days to a fortnight.

SEOUL OCCUPIED.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese have occupied Seoul.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian cruisers *Dmitri Donskoii* and *Aurora* and six destroyers have proceeded from Suez to Jibut, where they have coaled and will remain till the 18th instant, awaiting the arrival of the battleship *Ostiyabya*, the transport *Sarafoff*, and three destroyers which have already left Suez, and of several torpedo-boats and transports now in the Canal.

THE LONDON STOCK MARKET.

LONDON, 12th February.

Russian bonds have fallen 1½ % and Japanese have risen 3 %, reflecting fairly the feeling in London.

RUSSIAN BONDS.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian Ministry of Finance warns the public against sacrificing Russian securities owing to heavy falls; he expects a calmer attitude and, "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable." This is a significant indication of the sensation caused throughout Russia.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN S. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese successes have caused such a panic on the S. Petersburg Bourse, that the situation there has become critical. Holders of Government stocks are losing enormously and several Banks are tottering.

FOOTBALL.

H. E. F. C. v. H. M. S. "CRESSY."

Played at Happy Valley, under Rugby rules, this match resulted in a win for the Hongkong Football Club. A large number of spectators, including H. E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., watched the game, play being of a very interesting description. Cressy won the toss and decided to play with the wind in their favour. Sandford, of the Club, kicked off. Following up, the Club kept the leather in the sailors' half for some time, showing superior play with regard to passing and organisation generally than their opponents. Sandford and Pearce played well together; work in the many scrums was fairly even. Eventually the Club made an onward movement, but, after another scrum, a Cressy man got away with the ball, not being collared till almost home. Arthur relieved the heavy pressure on the Club by a touch down. The ball being kicked the Club resumed their attack. By steady work the club eventually scored a try, hours failing to Pearce. Pearce, shortly afterwards, when bounding away with the oval, had his jersey pulled off his back by one of the naval team; some merriment was caused by this incident. At half time the Club had scored a try to the Cressy's nothing. In the second half the Club again manifested their superiority, though, indeed, the leather was kept in their half for some little time after resuming the game. Play changed about from one side to the other for some time. The Club getting away, a good try was scored by Whitmore. Pearce, in endeavouring to convert, shot straight, but did not put enough "beef" into the kick, the ball falling low. From this to the finish the naval team seemed to have lost heart, and the game lost interest somewhat. Whitmore, on two occasions scored the ball and, outstripping his opponents, scored between the posts. Pearce converting in each instance. The result was an easy win for the H.K.F.C.—2 goals, 2 tries (16 points) to nil.

SHIELD TIES.

Two matches in the second round of the Association Shield were played off last week, but for some reason no notification of their coming off was given to the local papers beforehand. Both were in the second round and the results were as follows:—H.M.S. *Abirion* beat H.M.S. *Tamar* (2—0); H.M.S. *Cressy* beat Sherwood Foresters (3—1) on the 11th inst.

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. "KING ALFRED."

The British Far Eastern Squadron was recruited by the arrival on Saturday of H.M.S.

King Alfred from home. Captain H. G. King

Hall, D.S.O., is in command. She brings a

large number of reliefs for the ships on the

station. It was originally intended that the

King Alfred would not remain here but would

carry back the time-expired men from the

Glory. The *King Alfred* is a sister ship of the

Leviathan, and is one of the four

armoured cruisers of the *Drake* class. She

is a vessel of 14,100 tons, 3

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

China New Year's Eve arrives with all Northernmost Asia in a turmoil and the whole East in excitement. Even those careless of outside news, as the Southern Chinese are wont to be, seem anxious to know what is happening. Local Chinese papers have gone the length of publishing pink "Extras" detailing the latest from the North. I do not know whether Canton shares the anxiety of Chinese Hongkong or goes to the length of special editions. Certainly our natives are not apathetic about the crisis, even though New Year festivities must necessarily occupy their thoughts a good deal just now and for the next few days.

No new-comer should fail to visit the western end of the town to-day, if he has not already done so, since the thoughts of the Chinese have turned to their annual holiday. The streets wear the aspect of an English country fair—with a difference. The stalls are there, lining each side of the principal thoroughfares, and the people throng in the streets. But it is not such a scene of "bustle and jollity, business, frivolity" as, for example, the Cockney associates with his Mile End Road. He will miss the rambunctious shouting, the boisterous merriment of the vendors of small wares, and also the shows which he saw so prominently in the "fun of the fair," but he will nevertheless see a great deal to interest him. Many of the stalls bear collections of Chinese art and manufactures such as only persistent bargain-hunters can discover at any other time of the year, and by taking advantage of the vendor's desire to have as much cash in hand as possible by the closing hour of the year it is possible to pick up many excellent little "bargains." It is also possible now as at any time to pay for an article twice its value. When after purchasing an article at half the price originally asked, the vendor added into the bargain the consolatory remark "you b'long no fool," I asked him if it was his experience that "foolish men b'long fools" and he replied: "Plenty foolish men b'long fools, but foolish women, they more savvy."

As regards the approach of the New Year, with its deafening and continuous explosion of crackers and the beating of gongs, I have thought that it may dispose the Westener to think charitably of the noise if I mention that an American physician, whose observations appear in a paper called the *Medical Brief*, holds that noise has an excellent effect in a great many cases of illness. He says that a patient of his was once at the point of death. He had received the last rites of the Church, the pulse had ceased, and he had fallen into the state of comatose which ordinarily precedes death. Suddenly someone in the next house struck up the "Anvil Chorus" from *Il Trouvatore*—not a bad substitute for Chinese gongs. Then the patient's pulse began to beat again, he opened his eyes and began to hum the tune. This was the turning point, and was followed by complete recovery. Who, after this, will not welcome the New Year with all its attendant noises? I have often thought that something should be done to abate a lot of the unnecessary "toot-tootings" of steam launches early in the morning, but after this discovery I will refrain from making the suggestion, lest I stand some day in danger of expiring through sheer want of noise.

Now that we have to put up with the naval dock in the heart of the city I suppose we must make the best of it. It was objected before the commencement of the work, and I have heard the objection raised even recently that the construction of the dock would lead to the silting of the harbour, and give rise to most offensive smells in the neighbourhood of the Club. As a matter of fact, these fears have not been realised, and so far as the silting objection is concerned it has been absolutely disproved. There is no more silting in this part of the harbour now than there was before the dock was commenced—probably very much less, as shipping men have noticed that the construction of the dock has had the effect of considerably increasing the strength of the current in the harbour, and that in itself would do the work of a dredge.

The subject of street nuisances is one which has been attracting a good deal of attention of late. But there is one which has not been mentioned by any of the letter-to-the-Editor men that cries for remedy as much as any of the other evils. And that is the practice that prevails, in the neighbourhood of new buildings or masons working granite in the public street or in such close proximity to it as to menace the safety of the eyes of people walking on the street. During one day at the end of last week the pavement at one of the most congested parts of Queen's Road—the foot of D'Aguilar Street—was taken up by masons chipping granite, to the interruption of traffic as well as to the danger of pedestrians' eyes. When granite should be worked on the street, the police should see that a shield or wooden barrier is erected to keep the splinters from invading the thoroughfare.

It had been proposed at first to wind up the very successful series of monthly dances promoted by the Masonic Quadrille Club with a big ball in the City Hall—a fancy dress ball was even suggested—but now it has been definitely decided to have the last dance of the season in the same place as the others took place, in the Masonic Hall in Zetland Street. These dances have been very popular and enjoyable; their success tells of hard work on the part of Mr. H. W. Wolfe and Mr. G. J. W. King, the president and late secretary. With the incoming of the summer, the Club is not to be dissolved. It is proposed, I understand, during the hot months to have fortnightly lunch-picnics. This departure should appeal to all, and will no doubt draw many new members into the Club. The membership now numbers nearly 150.

BANYAN.

"HIS EXCELLENCY"

THE A.D.C. AT THE THEATRE.

On Saturday night at the Theatre Royal the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gave the first of four performances of *His Excellency*, the comic opera by Messrs. W. S. Gilbert and Osmond Carr. This is the piece which, it will be remembered, was to have been played three years ago, but, owing to the death of the late Queen Victoria was never played in Hongkong. The A. D. C. suffered a heavy pecuniary loss then, owing to the fact that all the costumes had been purchased and the other necessary arrangements made. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the present short run will be more than usually remunerative, so as to make up to the A. D. C. for the previous disappointment. If the house on Saturday night is any index, the Club's coffers should be well filled. Certainly a most favourable impression was made by the first performance, and we have no doubt a large number of those present will pay a second visit at least. Those who were not in the theatre on the first night may assuredly be advised to go at the earliest opportunity if they have not booked seats yet. The Hongkong A. D. C. is noted for its conscientious renderings of the plays which it attempts, and it is a more flattery to say in the present case that all the actors and actresses worked loyally and well, and that the performance compared favourably with any comic opera which has been seen here of late.

His Excellency is not the best of Mr. Gilbert's librettos, but it is distinctly amusing.

Mr. Osmond Carr's music is tuneful throughout. The play demands a large cast, and it is more than creditable to the Colony to be able to find so many capable exponents, both of acting and of singing. A great misfortune befell the A. D. C. just before the opening night. Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, a lady who was to have filled the most responsible female part, being compelled by illness in her family to abandon it. No suitable substitute could be found until a naval gentleman was prevailed upon to undertake the character at the shortest notice. At the dress rehearsal Mr. Phillips read from the book; on Saturday night he played the rôle admirably. Certainly the name of "handy man" is well deserved by him. If his ship is not ordered north, he should be word-perfect on the second night—next Thursday—and that is all that is required to make his performance first class.

On Saturday it may be said that three members of the cast stood out until the general excellence. They were Surgeon H. L. Norris, Lieutenant Davidson, and Mrs. Hall Wright. Mr. Norris was delightfully humorous and, singing well into the bargain, made a great feature of the part of the Syndic, Mats Munck, Lieutenant. Davidson added appreciably to the favour which he has gained with Hongkong audiences. He is a clever young actor and has decidedly shown his versatility in the different parts he has played on the local stage. Mrs. Hall-Wright is a new actress to Hongkong. She is indeed a welcome addition to local amateur dramatic talent. As Nanna she was quite the life of the scenes in which she appeared, and had really been permitted she would have been obliged to come back time after time. But the A. D. C. wisely decided not to permit recalls, owing to the length of the opera. The audience, however, fully showed its appreciation of Mrs. Hall-Wright's charming impersonation of the Governor's daughter. Capt. Bush, who has made two or three previous appearances in the Theatre Royal, made a handsome and effective Prince Regent, and his duets with Lieutenant Davidson were warmly applauded. Mr. George Lammett sang well in the part of Erling Syke. Perhaps he might have been a trifle more dramatic in action, but his presence was good. Dr. Hall-Wright gave an excellent interpretation of the rôle of the "pitiful pill-roller," Dr. Tortenon. Surgeon Horley was a splendid and resplendent representative of the corporal of the King's Hussars who were fine body of men. The Hussars' chorus was one of the successes of the play. Of Mr. Phillips we have already spoken. He undoubtedly extricated the A. D. C. from a difficult position and deserves their best thanks. Mrs. Craddock had the leading vocal part among the ladies, and filled it very gracefully. Her songs would certainly have obtained encores. Mrs. Hagen played Thor, one of the Governor's daughters, and both in acting and singing made a hit. Mrs. Maitland, in the dashing costume of a *vivandiere*, was a very effective foil to the strapping Hussar. Smaller parts were creditably undertaken and the chorus was both capable and powerful. We cannot of course sing out any among so many. The costumes were for the most part all that could be desired—we say for the most part, for there were one or two rather harsh contrasts in colour. This remark does not apply to the principals' dresses, which were one and all very pleasing. The scenery, executed from the designs of Mr. H. W. Bird, would not have disgraced a home theatre. Messrs. Bird's statue was a notable feature; it must have been exported from Florence unknown to the Italian Government, which does not allow art treasures to be lost to the country any longer. The orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. G. Ward, played in capital style; its reinforcement by some of the Sherwood Foresters' bandsmen was by kind permission of the Colonel and officers.

We must not omit to mention that the efforts of Messrs. Caldwell and Chapman, the Stage and Acting Managers, were most successful; and Mr. E. W. Mitchell's experienced training

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was visible throughout, though he was unfortunately obliged to be absent on Saturday.

The following was the full cast:—

The Prince Regent (disguised as Nils Egilson, a strolling Player) Capt. Bush, R. A. George Griffenford (Governor of Elsinore) ... Lieutenant Davidson, R. A. Erling Syke (a young sculptor) Mr. Geo. Lammett Dr. Tortenon (a young physician) Dr. Hall-Wright Mats Munck (syndic of Elsinore) Surgeon H. L. Wright Norris, R. A. Harold (of the King's Hussars) ... Surgeon H. L. Wright Lt. R. R. Horley, R. N. A. Sontay ... Lt. A. C. Butt, R. N. First Officer ... Mr. H. A. Seth Second Officer ... Mr. R. Henderson Christmann (a balding singer) ... Mrs. Craddock Nanna (a daughter) ... Mrs. Hall-Wright Thor (a daughter) ... Mrs. Hagen Dame Hecla Cortian (a lady of property) ... Mrs. W. J. L. Phillips Blanca (a Vivandiere) ... Mrs. F. Maitland Elsa (a peasant girl) ... Miss Hazlamb CHOIR.

Madame Armstrong, M. d'Almada o Castro, Bateman, Drayson, Henderson, Holme, Mawson, Mawson, Miller, Moore, Murray, Plummer, Quin, Seth, Shaw and Tarrant.

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THE HONGKONG RACES.

The following were some of Saturday morning's times:—

Set. 1-mile ... 34.161, 1.39. *Minuet and Starling*, 11-miles ... 36. 1.08. 1.44. 2.193, 2.55. *Pandar*, 12-miles ... 38. 1.12. 1.47. 2.92. 2.56. *Once More and Told*, 13-miles ... 38. 1.13. 1.493, 2.213, 2.58. 3.32. *Rajah*, 1-mile ... 35. 1.10. 1.44. 2.20. *Persuasion*, 1-mile; 35. 1.08. 1.44. 2.20. *Regret*, 1-mile, Hongkong, and *Clifton*, 2-mile; 38. 1.10. 1.42. *Sylph Rose*, 11-miles ... 36. 1.11. 1.46. 2.23. 2.554. *Fiscal*, 1-mile ... 34. 1.14. 1.45. 2.173. *Tai Yat and Standard*, 11-miles ... 36. 1.02. 1.423. *Disclosure*, 11-miles ... 37. 1.15. 1.91. 2.22. 2.553. *Yellow Skin*, 1-mile ... 33. 1.163. 1.592. 2.263. *Rocket*, 1-mile ... 36. 1.10. 1.45. 2.193. 2.543. *Quebec*, 12-miles ... 40. 1.18. 1.502. 2.30. 3.05. 3.39. 4.12. *Aladdin and Discord*, 13-miles ... 38.3/5. 1.154. 1.503. 2.26. 3.01. 3.53. 4.09. *La France Rose*, 11-miles ... 38. 1.11. 1.45. 2.193. 2.58. 3.28. *Coronet Rose*, 11-miles ... 38. 1.13. 1.47. 2.21. 2.54. 3.263. *Discovery*, 11-miles ... 36. 1.09. 1.44. 2.19. 2.55. 3.11. *Reed and Royal*, 1-mile ... 36. 1.14. 1.48. 2.21. *Dandy*, 1-mile ... 34. 1.03. 1.33. 2.01. *Chi Sui*, 11-miles, 1st time ... 2.473. *School Girl*, 1-mile, last 3 ... 30. 1. 0. 1.29.

POLO.

Although there were not so many sporting events taking place in the Colony as is usual on a Saturday, a large and fashionable crowd assembled at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon to witness the first match for a cup that has kindly been presented to the Polo Club by H. E. Mr. May, who is a great supporter of the game. The two teams that met were the 93rd Burmese and the Civilians, and as the result will show they were equally matched, the 93rd losing only by subsidiary goals.

The teams consisted of the following:

Civilians—H. E. Mr. May (1), Mr. J. Johnstone (2), Mr. Hastings (3), Mr. C. H. Ross (back), 93rd Burmese—Mr. Simpson (1), Capt. Channing (2), Major Strickland, I. M. S. (3), Major Radcliffe (back).

The two quarters were played, and in each the 93rd played a very well fought game, being mounted on much slower and smaller ponies than their opponents. No very exciting play was witnessed in the first quarter, and although the Civilians managed to score two subsidiary goals, the 93rd had much the better of it, pressing their opponents hard. On the game being resumed some much faster and more brilliant play was to be seen than in the first quarter, and the 93rd managed to score a goal soon after recommencing. After this the Civilians scored in subsidiary goals, and pressed very hard. However the 93rd nearly got the better of them. Simpson placing the ball right in the centre of the Civilians' goal within a few inches of the line. His own No. 2 thinking the ball was over the line, did not kick it up, and the goal was brilliantly saved by Mr. C. H. Ross, who all through played a very defensive and strong game, especially in the first quarter. The bad jolt of the 93rd continued, and by it they lost their chance of the cup, as the score when the ball rang was—Civilians 2 goals and 6 subs, 93rd 2 goals and 1 sub, the Civilians winning by subsidiary goals only. Simpson and Carlton of the 93rd, and Ross for his side all played an excellent game.

A Club team meets the visitors on Thursday next, when another good match should be witnessed.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers the band of the 93rd played selections during the afternoon, when ordinary games were being played between the match.

BOWLING.

The second team bowling match between the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania ended on Saturday in favour of the Germans. The scores were as follows:

GERMAN CLUB.

| | |
|-----------|------|
| 2 Koch | 1364 |
| 3 Lammett | 1335 |
| 4 Ebs | 1302 |
| 5 Wagner | 1250 |
| 9 Nicolai | 1218 |
| 11 Thun | 1136 |
| | 7605 |

HONGKONG CLUB.

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|--------------|------|
| 1 Lt. Gibson | 1397 |
| 6 Woodcock | 1248 |
| 7 Lt. Ford | 1235 |
| 8 Ellis | 1224 |
| 10 Sirs | 1153 |
| 12 Holyoke | 905 |
| | 7162 |

Both teams played very well, but finally the victory fell to the Germans by no less than 443 points. The German second team made a better score proportionately than their own first team; the latter team bowling in December last (when 8 players were on each side) made a total score of 9863 points.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. RESERVES v. CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

The Club Reserves gained a fairly easy victory in this League match on the Cricket Ground on Saturday. After scoring 134 for 8 wickets they declared their innings closed and dismissed the Craigengower team for 81. The losers' bowlers did not meet with their usual amount of success, though both Craik and Postonje had good figures. The stand by Piper and George Lammett after 8 wickets had gone down for 91 did as much as anything to give the Club their three points; and when the Craigengower went in Rutherford's bowling was irresistible. With the last 3 balls of the match he performed the hat-trick, Brown (who had played a good innings), Stuart, and Postonje being his victims. Scores and analysis:—

H.K.C.C. RESERVES.

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| H. A. Lammett, o Basa, b Craik | 13 |
| C. P. Chatel, b Brown | 0 |
| T. C. Gray, b L. E. Lammett | 7 |
| N. H. Rutherford, o L. E. Lammett, b J. C. Craik | 29 |
| J. H. Sinclair, b Craik | 4 |
| P. D. W. 10, b Postonje | 12 |
| D. Piper, not out | 30 |
| G. Grindle, b Postonje | 0 |
| G. P. Lammett, c M. E. Asper, b Craik | 9 |
| T. H. Kew, not out | 17 |
| P. W. Goldring, did not bat | 7 |
| | 7 |
| Total (innings declared) | 134 |

CHAIENGOWEE C.C.

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|---|----|
| J. D. Kirnail, o and b N. H. Rutherford | 4 |
| L. E. Lammett, c L. C. Gray, b N. H. Rutherford | 5 |
| A. O. Brown, c sub, b Rutherford | 8 |
| L. E. Lammett, b Rutherford | 43 |
| A. O. Brown, c sub, b Rutherford | 4 |
| L. E. Lammett, b Rutherford | 6 |
| M. E. Asper, b Wolf, b Gray | 7 |
| T. C. Craik, b Gray | 2 |
| J. H. Sinclair, b Rutherford | 0 |
| H. P. Austin, not out | 0 |
| R. Postonje, c Kew, b Rutherford | 0 |
| | 0 |
| Total | 81 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C. RESERVES.

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|---------------|-----------|
| O. M. R. W. | |
| A. O. Brown | 12 2 52 1 |
| L. E. Lammett | 7 0 30 1 |
| J. C. Craik | 10 1 25 3 |
| Cross | 2 0 14 1 |
| Rutherford | 6 4 6 2 |
| | 0 0 0 0 |

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

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|------------------|-------------|
| O. M. R. W. | |
| P. D. W. 10 | 11 1 26 2 |
| N. H. Rutherford | 10 3 0 28 6 |
| G. Grindle | 3 0 13 0 |
| T. H. Kew | 3 0 14 3 |
| | 0 0 0 0 |

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

This match, played at Happy Valley on Saturday last, ended after a very pleasant game in a victory for the Civil Service. The victory was chiefly due to the batting of Dr. Atkinson and Witchell, while Lamble carried off the bowling honours. For the losers Meldrum batted well and Weasel was successful with the ball. Scores and analysis:—

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| O. M. R. W. | |
| G. P. Lammett | 12 2 46 4 |
| L. E. | |

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [514]

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By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [386]

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J. R. M. SMITH,

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [385]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [399]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 25th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, to the 10th proximate, both days inclusive.

By Order,

WILLIAM DANIEL, D. S.

70, Queen's Road Central.

HONGKONG, 10th February, 1904. [488]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Office of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

WANTED.

GOOD CLERK wanted, European or other.

Apply to—

ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1904. [486]

WANTED NURSE.

Apply by letter to—

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [507]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [3335]

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ESTABLISHED 1858.
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quality supplied to Families, Hotels,
Clubs, Ships, &c., on moderate terms.
DORABEE & SON, Proprietors,
Contractors to H.M.S. Navy.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [306]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Business of AH MEN and HING
CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be
CARRIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite the
Connaught Hotel, Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

SENTING.
SURGEON DENT ST.
No. 10, D'AGUILA STREET.
FEE VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1904. [26.]

HONGKONG
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INSURANCES

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.
HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at current
rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [1]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO.
OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [99]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Agents for the Phenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [129]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM-
PANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.
INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security ... £625,719

Total Losses Paid ... £3,769,240

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [194]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospects on application.

TURNER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902,
£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS ... 2,887,215 11 1

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1883]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the
GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be
obtained from Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH, LTD., or at the Gate. Price £1 for
the Meeting (excluding the OFF-Day), or £3 per day.
Tickets for the OFF-Day, £2.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [458]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of
the presence of the LADIES at the
GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during
the Races on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th
instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved
for Members and Members' Wives and Families.
Tickets for which will be sent out with the
Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 13th inst.

All Tickets must be produced to gain
admission.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [460]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the
ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during
the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS

which can be had on application to the Under-
signed between MONDAY, 13th, and SATUR-
DAY, 20th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [460]

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THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.
PURE, SPARKLING, INVIGORATING

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Bottled in Japan by H. E. REYNELL & CO.

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F. BLACKHEAD & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1903. [449]

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Canton: Messrs. A. S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1903. [283]

A FRENCH VIEW OF THE
KOREAN QUESTION.

The *Éclair* (Paris) publishes a letter from M.
André Chéradame, the well-known French
writer, dated from Hongkong, November 26,
in which he examines the respective interests
of Russia and Japan in Korea. M. Chéradame
says that, as he understands it, the simplest
form in which the Korean question presents
itself is the following:—Will Korea remain a
region where the Japanese will acquire in time
of peace a dominant position economically, or,
on the contrary, will either the Russians or the
Japanese attempt by force to take possession
of it politically? Korea, with its soil, which is said
to be rich in gold, silver, copper, iron and coal,
and with its advantageous geographical situation,
is likely to become the prey of one of these
two Powers. Among themselves, many
Russians say:—"Now that we have Manchuria,
Korea ought to be ours. We must necessarily
possess the south-east part of the Asiatic
continent." If these desires should be realized,
M. Chéradame adds, Da Nang would evidently
no longer be the terminus of the Transcontinental
Asiatic Railway; it would yield its place to a
port on the south of Korea, probably Fusan.

With reference to these hypotheses, M.
Chéradame draws attention to the importance
of the point named LiaoYang. LiaoYang is
at present a station of the Trans-Manchurian
Railway between Newchwang and Mukden,
about three hours to the south of the latter
point. For the last three years the Russians
have been strongly installed at LiaoYang, a
very interesting fact, for the reason that this
is the point of junction between the Trans-
Manchurian and the old Chinese telegraph line,
which follows the route from LiaoYang to the
Yalu, that is to say, the northern frontier of
Korea. It has already frequently been said
that the Russians contemplate the construction
of a railway following the same direction. It is
therefore, this projected railway which might
eventually become the instrument of the invasion
of Korea.

In addition to these partisans of a total ab-
sorption, there are, continues M. Chéradame,
others who say that they do not wish for all
Korea, but simply for the part situated to
the north of a line drawn from the further end
of the Bay of Korea to the south of Port Lazaret,
thus joining the points where the Korean peninsula
narrows down. The disadvantage of this occupa-
tion would be to give Russia a much less
extended frontier, and therefore one much
easier and less costly to guard. Representa-
tives of the Tsar, and notably those who
understand the consequences which an indefinite
advance towards the East would involve for
the foreign policy of Russia, allege that they
incline to what is called the "independence of
Korea." The Japanese, for their part, declare
that they are also in favour of this independence,
which, however, they interpret after a fashion
of their own. It was through Korea that
Chinese civilization reached Japan, and the
Japanese have remained for centuries constantly
in relations with this country, which of all the
Asian continent is the nearest to their own.
To-day, when the population of the Japanese
archipelago exceeds 40 millions inhabitants, and
increases by more than 300,000 a year, it is
quite easy to understand how it is that Korea
appears to the Government at Tokyo as a
natural and, indeed, an indispensable outlet.

The Russians, who since installing themselves
at Port Arthur have frequently officially
declared their wish to respect the independence
of Korea, at present content themselves with
exploiting on the Yalu the rich, wooded territories
of which the Korean Government has made
them concessions. It is true that these concessions
have not yet been clearly delimited; that is, a
circumstance susceptible of giving rise to ulterior
difficulties. The Japanese, on the contrary, are
already almost everywhere in Korea. They
occupy all the parts of the coast, where their
clean new houses contrast favourably with the
miserable huts of the Korean fishermen, who,
although in their own country, have assumed
already the appearance of a subject people. At
least the Japanese have a very important
colony on ground which has been conceded to
them. They have also created in the
centre of the Korean capital a veritable Japanese
city. They have their soldiers, to the number
of several hundreds, well equipped and armed,
and their own policemen, who in case of need,
would not hesitate at all to go to the aid of their
fellow-countrymen whom they considered likely
to be molested. The Japanese, whose number
constantly increases at Seoul, continually enlarge
their concession. As it has no precise limits,
and as the Koreans are incredibly timid, the sub-
jects of the Mikado do in reality pretty much as
they please.

In Korea, moreover, certain of the instru-
ments of sovereign power are already in their
hands. They have a Japanese bank, whose
notes circulate throughout the whole of the
peninsula. They have a Japanese post at
Seoul, provided with an excellent office. Most
of the telegraph lines are in their hands, as well
as the railway from Seoul to Chembuk, which
they repurchased from an American company.
They are also concessionaires of the important
Fusan-Soul line, which they are constructing
themselves, and which will be completely open
for traffic in three or four years from now.
The Japanese are, therefore, in process of
realization.

Consequently, it is easy to see, concludes M.
Chéradame, that, having been obliged to
evacuate the peninsula of Liutung to see it
occupied by the Russians, after having been
progressively to renounce all pretension to
Manchuria, the Japanese are firmly resolved not
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Inward parcels by s.s. *Baltic* are now ready for delivery.
Until further notice, the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
CHINESE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
The Post Office will be entirely closed to-morrow, the 16th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day). On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Office will be open from 7 to 11:30 a.m. to despatch the outgoing German Mail only. Correspondence posted up to 9 a.m. only will be sent out for delivery on that day.
The Money Order Office will be closed on both days.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

POK PER DATE

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| Canton | Homam | 15th, 7:30 A.M. |
| Foochow | Monday | 15th, 10:00 A.M. |
| Singapore, Batavia and Sumarang | Thales | 15th, 11:00 A.M. |
| Ningpo and Shanghai | Tijpan | 15th, 11:00 A.M. |
| Macao | Waishing | 15th, 11:00 A.M. |
| Straits and Calcutta | Heuphan | 15th, 11:15 A.M. |
| Koben and Yokohama | Catherine Apear | 15th, 11:30 A.M. |
| Kongmou, Kanchuk and Samshui | Canton | 15th, 2:00 P.M. |
| Kongmou, Kanchuk and Samshui | Chengkong | 15th, 3:00 P.M. |
| Sze Yap | Sze Yap | 15th, 3:00 P.M. |
| Loongjoun | Kinsan | 15th, 4:00 P.M. |
| Kinsan | Tai Chan | 15th, 5:00 P.M. |
| Hoi Fu | Hoi Fu | 15th, 5:00 P.M. |
| Winghai | Wednesday, 17th, 7:30 A.M. | Wednesday, 17th, 7:30 A.M. |
| Kinsan | Wednesday, 17th, 9:00 A.M. | Wednesday, 17th, 9:00 A.M. |
| Hankow | | |
| Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin | Printed Matter and Samples | 10:00 A.M. |
| (Late Letters 11:00 to 11:30 A.M.) | Registration | 10:00 A.M. |
| Postage 10 cents | | |
| (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) | | |
| Canton | | |
| Shanghai | | |
| Canton | | |
| Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne | | |
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| Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin | Printed Matter and Samples | 9:45 A.M. |
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| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO | | |
| (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents) | | |

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

13th February.

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| ON LONDON.— | Telegraphic Transfer | 1/14 |
| | Bank Bills, on demand | 1/14 |
| | Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight | 1/14 |
| | Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight | 1/14 |
| | Creditors at 4 months' sight | 1/14 |
| | Documentary Bills, at 3 months' sight | 1/14 |
| ON PARIS.— | | |
| | Bank Bills, on demand | 243 |
| | Creditors at 4 months' sight | 248 |
| ON GERMANY.— | | |
| | On demand | 198 |
| ON NEW YORK.— | | |
| | Bank Bills, on demand | 47 |
| | —60 days' sight | 474 |
| ON ROMANIA.— | Telegraphic Transfer | 142 |
| | Bank, on demand | 143 |
| ON CALCUTTA.— | Telegraphic Transfer | 142 |
| | Bank, on demand | 143 |
| ON SHANGHAI.— | | |
| | Bank, at sight | 70 |
| | Private, 30 days' sight | 71 |
| ON YOKOHAMA.— | O demand | 95 |
| ON MACASSAR.— | O demand | Nominal |
| ON SINGAPORE.— | O demand | Nominal |
| ON BANGKOK.— | O demand | 116 |
| ON HAIKONG.— | O demand | 14 |
| ON SAIGON.— | O demand | 1 |
| ON BANGKOK.— | O demand | 3 |
| SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate | | Nominal |
| GOLD LEAF, 100 lire, per tael | | 54.75 |
| BAR SII KU, 100 lire | | 26.2 |

OPIUM.

13th February.

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| Quotations are— | Allow's net to 14 cents. |
| Malwa New | 8925 to 8945 per pound |
| Malwa Old | 870 to 8900 |
| Malwa Old | 1060 to 10500 |
| Malwa V. Old | 1080 to 11000 |
| Persian Extra quality | 900 to — |
| Persian Extra fine | 940 to — |
| Pata New | 1270 to — |
| Pata New | 1265 to — |
| Banaras Old | 12 to — |

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-Chinese steamer *Nanshang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Gera* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 9th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Rosa* left Singapore on the 13th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on the 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *King* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on 2nd inst.

The O. & G. steamer *Cedric* * San Francisco for this port via Honolulu &c., on the 10th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 4:30 p.m. on the 10th inst., and left again at 11 p.m. same day, via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at midnight on the 14th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The C. & M. steamer *Rubi* left Manila on the 13th inst., and is due here this afternoon.

The E. & A. steamer *Eastern*, from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 14th inst., and is due to-morrow.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer *Idomenes* left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is due here on the 18th inst.

The H.A.L. steamer *Sambia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The A.L. steamer *Silene* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst.

The A.A. steamer *Bramar*, from New York, left Singapore on the 9th inst., for Manila, and is due here on the 20th inst.

The Mogul Line steamer *Mogul* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 30th ult.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Pleades* sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd ult. for Japan ports and Port Arthur.